

# THE FIRST PRINCIPLES of a Christian.

*Questions and Answers upon the  
Creed, the ten Commandments,  
the Sacraments, and the Lords Prayer,  
for the further opening of the  
ordinary Catechisme.*

*Very fit to be learned of all Children.*

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*Teach a Child the trade of his way, and when  
he is old he shall not depart from it.*

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To all faithfull Pastors, my  
Fellow-labourers in the worke  
of the LORD.

 T may perhaps seeme strange  
unto you, beloved Brethren,  
that I should put forth these  
first Principles of a Christian,  
after so many and so excellent  
Catechismes, in their use so  
profitable, already put forth: But let this serve  
for answer, that none as yet have expounded  
the ordinary Catechisme that ever I did see.

And againe, that I doe find this most profi-  
table, for the people of mine owne charge; and  
if it may be beneficiall unto others also, I have  
my desire. Now mine exhortation unto you all  
is, that you would be most diligent & faithfull,  
as in generall, to take heede unto the whole  
flocke over which the holy Ghost hath made  
*you overseers*, so more specially to Catechize  
the younger sort, let them have the sincere  
milke of the Word, that they may grow ther-  
by; they are *Messis in herba*, the hope of our  
harvest hereafter: Remember that our Saviour  
doth charge us all, not only to feed τα πρόβατα,  
his *Sheepe*, the elder sort, but he doth also in-

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joyne us in the first place , and upon our love to feede τὰ ἀγνία, his *Lambes* : the one must have strong meat that they faint not : the other must have the *sincere milke of the Word*, that they may become strong men in Christ. Remember that if thou teach a yong man the trade of his way, when he is old he shall not depart from it. If you season his mind with Grace in childhood, his heart shall be established with grace in manhood: *Adeo à teneris assuescere magnum est* : On the other side, the neglect of this Catechising our youth, and seasoning their tender hearts with the true knowledge of God, is *nostri fundi calamitas* : we see by miserable experience the want thereof : how many of our young men, to the great disgrace of the Gospell, are riotous Swaggerers, horrible Blasphemers, filthy Drunkards, and a great deale more : the blood of whose perishing soules doe cry unto God against negligent & idle Pastors, which onely feed themselves. It is true, that our incouragements upon earth are small; yet here is our comfort, that if wee bee faithfull and diligent, and doe the worke of the Lord with all our strength, wee shall then make our account with joy : and when the Chiefe Shepheard of the Flocke shall appeare, we shall receive an incorruptible Crowne of Glory : Yea, when other righteous men shall  
onely



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onely shine like the firmament, we shall shine  
like the Stars in the firmament forevermore :  
Which God the righteous Iudge grant for  
his Sonnes sake, *Amen.*

*Your brother and fellow labourer,*  
W. H.



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To all Christian Parents and Fa-  
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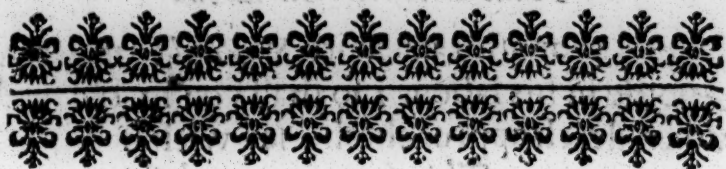
**I** Have imprinted this short sum of the  
Principles of Christian Religion, for  
the good of your selves, and your Fa-  
milies. Mine Exhortation therefore  
unto you is; first, to learne these things  
your selves, then to teach your children at home;  
thirdly, to see them present in publike, assemblies  
of the Church, there to bee taught also. So shall  
you discharge, a great dutie which you doe owe  
unto your God, and also unto your Families,  
For doth not the Lord say, These words which  
I command thee this day, shall bee in thine  
heart

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heart, & thou shalt rehearse them continually unto thy children : *Your God requireth it, you must performe it, O that you would learne the resolution of Ioshua. Let others doe as they will, but I and mine household will serve the Lord : and let all Matrons say with Ester, I and my Maids will doe the like : And indeed it cannot bee, if your selves bee truely converted unto God, but that both out of your zeale unto his glory, and love unto your children, you must needs labour to makethem Profelytes unto heaven. For as our Saviour saith of Zacheus Conversion, This day is salvation come unto this house, yett there was none converted but Zacheus only : But Christ spake of that which must needs follow, that all the rest of that Family having so effectuall meanes of Grace must needs be converted : And therefore I say unto you as our Saviour did unto Peter, When thou art converted, strengthen thy Brother : and so you being made true Profelytes unto Christ, endeavour by all meanes to make all your children and family to be even as you are. The Lord make you all herein faithfull, so shall you have a blessing of all earthly blessings the greatest, even a blessing in your posterity, which the Lord grant for his Christs sake, Amen.*

*Yours in the Lord Iesus Christ.*

*W. H.*



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To all Christian Children,  
*especially to them of his owne*  
*charge.*

**T**Hese first Principles of Christianitie (deare Children) doe I offer unto you for the good of your soules; and what is my desire herein, but that you should consecrate the first fruits of your age and strength, in service unto CHRIST? Why should Satan seize upon your soules in childhood? Why should the World allure your tender hearts unto vanity? Remember that yee were baptized in Infancie, to signifie that even then you were dedicated unto CHRIST. Endeavour therefore, to learne to know the Principles of that religion into the which you are baptised, and so grow every day in Grace, and in the knowledge of the Mystery of Godlinesse, that so you may bee as *Timothy* was, *who knew the Scriptures from his Childhood*, who after so grew up, that he was

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joyned as an assistant with *St. Paul* that great  
Apostle in his labour : so shall you in old age  
when death approacheth, say with holy PO-  
LYCARPUS, *This fourescore and sixe yeares*  
*have I served Christ*, that was from his Infancy  
so shal you all your life long injoy much peace  
in your soules, even that peace which is a  
continual Feast, and passeth all understanding.

The Lord season your tender hearts with  
his grace every day more and  
more, for his Sonnes sake  
Christ Iesus.

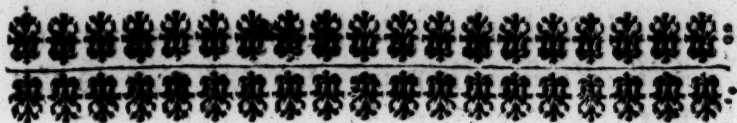
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*Yours in the Lord Iesus,*

W. H.

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# Questions and Answers up- on the *Creed*, the *Tenne Commande- ments*, the *Sacraments*, and the *Lords Prayer*, for the further opening of the ordinary Catechisme.

## *Question. 1.*



Y what meanes art thou re-  
ceived into the Church of  
God?

Ans. Outwardly by Bap-  
tisme, Act. 2. 41. but inwardly  
by faith in Christ, Rom. 5. 2.

2. *Quest.* What benefits received you by  
Baptisme?

Ans. Thre: first, I was made a Member  
of Christ, I. Cor. 6. 15.

Secondly, I was adopted the Child of God,  
Rom. 9. 26. Gal. 4. 5.

Thirdly, I was made the heire of the King-  
dome of Glozy, Rom. 8. 17.

3. *Quest.* Seeing by Baptisme thou art re-  
ceived into the Church of Christ, what use is  
there



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there of Godfathers & Godmothers therein?

Ans. First, they did present mee to the Church in stead of my Parents, Luk. 2. 22.

Secondly, they made Confession of that Faith, into the which I was to be baptized.

Thirdly, they promised and vowed on my behalfe, what on my part was to be performed.

4. *Quest.* What did they promise on your behalfe?

Ans. They promised three things: First, that I should forsake the three Capitall Enemies of my Salvation, the World, the Flesh and the Devill, 1. Ioh. 2. 14. 15.

Secondly, that I should beleve all the Articles of the Christian Faith, Act. 16. 31.

Thirdly, that I should keepe all Gods Commandements all the dayes of my life, Deut. 6. 2.

5. *Quest.* Doeſt thou thinke that thou art bound to performe these things promised?

Ans. Yes verily, in regard of the Covenant which I have made with God, Hosea, 2. 23.

6. *Quest.* Art thou able to perform all these things?

Ans. Not of my selfe, but in some measure I am enabled thereunto by Gods grace, Philip 4. 13.

7. *Quest.* Your Godfathers and Godmothers promising

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promising that you should forsake the three capitall enemies of your salvation; what is understood by the first of them; the World?

Ans. I doe understand all outward and earthly things, as evill Company, Riches, Honour, Pleasure, and such like, as they are meanes to draw mee from God, 1. Iohn 2. 15. and 5. 19.

8. *Quest.* What is meant by the Flesh?

Ans. By the flesh I meane our corrupt nature inclined to evill, uncleane lusts, evill desires, whereby our will is often depraved and perverted, Rom. 7. 18. Gal 5. 17.

9. *Quest.* What meane you by the Devill?

Ans. I meane all those spirits of Apostacy, ever at hand to suggest evill motions into mine heart, Ioh. 13. 2.

10. *Quest.* Your Godfathers and Godmothers farther promising on your behalfe both Faith and Works; what is to be knowne concerning these?

Ans. We are to know: First, the nature of them, together with the things to be belabored and done. Secondly, how wee may grow and increase in them.

11. *Quest.* You being then bound to believe; what is Faith?

Ans. Faith is a grace given of God to assure mee of his mercy and love unto mee in Christ.

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Christ, Rom. 8. 38. revealed to my mind by the Holy Ghost, Gal. 4. 6. through the Ministry of the Word, Ioh. 17. 20. Rom. 10. 17.

12. *Quest.* What are these things which we are to beleeeve unto salvation?

Ans. We must beleeeve all those fundamental points laid downe unto us in the Word, Ioh. 20. 31. the sum whereof is expessed in the Creed, commonly called the Apostles Creed.

13. *Quest.* Rehearse the Creed.

Ans. I beleeeve in G O D the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth: And in Iesus Christ his onely Sonne our Lord, which was conceived by the holy Ghost, bozne of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Ponce Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried: hee descended into Hell: The third day hee arose againe from the dead: Hee ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to iudge the quicke and the dead. I beleeeve in the Holy Ghost: the holy Catholike Church: The communion of Saints: The forgiveness of sinnes: The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting, Amen.

14. *Quest.* Into how many parts is this Creed divided?

Ans. Into foure parts, containing twelbe Articles: In the first whereof, I am taught

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to beleêve in God the Father, who hath made mee and all Creatures, in the first Article.

In the second part, I am taught to beleêve in God the Son, who hath redeemed mee and all mankind, in the six next Articles.

In the thirde part, I am taught to beleêve in God the Holy Ghost, who hath sanctified me, and all the Elect, in the eight Article.

In the fourth part, I am taught to beleêve concerning the Church, as is laid downe in the foure last Articles.

15. *Quest.* What dost thou learn to beleewe in the first Article? *I beleewe in God the Father Almighty maker of heaven and earth.*

*Ans.* I learne to beleêve foure things.

First, that there is a God, Isa. 45. 21. 22.

Secondly, that this God is but one, 1 Cor. 8. 6. 1 Tim. 2. 5.

Thirdly, that this one God is distinguished into three Persons, Father, Sonne, and Holy Ghost, 1 Ioh. 5. 7.

Fourthly, that this one God is Almighty, declared so to be, first, by creating all things, Gen. 1. 1.

Secondly, by upholding all things created by his continuall Providence, Plal. 145. 15. 16. Acts 17. 28.

16. *Quest.* This thou beleevest, but what comfort reapest thou thereby unto thy selfe?

*Ans.*



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Ans. First, I doe beleêve that God is my Father, and that I am his childe: Iohn. 1. 12. Gal. 3. 26.

Secondly, that hêe being Almighty and I his Child, he will gibe me all things needfull, Psal. 34. 10. and p̄serbe me from all dangers unto saluation, 2. Tim. 4. 18.

17. *Quest.* Touching the second Article, why is the Sonne of God called Iesus?

Ans. Because hêe saueth us from all our sinnes, Mat. 1. 21. neither is there Saluation in any other, Acts, 4. 12.

18. *Quest.* Wherefore is he called Christ?

Ans. In regard of his Offices whereunto he was ordained by God the Father, Ioh. 6. 27. & annointed by the holy Ghost, Mat. 3. 16.

19. *Quest.* Which are the Offices of Christ?

Ans. First his Office Prophetically, to instruct us in all things, Deut. 18. 15. Isay 61. 1.

Secondly, his Priestly Office, to redêeme us, Heb. 7. 21. Heb. 9. 11. and to pray for us, Rom. 8. 34.

Thirdly, his Kingly Office, to raigne over us by his Spirit & Word, Luk. 1. 33. Act. 2. 36.

20. *Q.* Why is he called the onely begotten Son of God, since we also are the sons of God?

Ans. For that hêe onely is the Son of God by Nature and Generation, Ioh. 1. 14. but wêe are the sonnes of God by Grace and Adoption, Rom. 8. 15. Gal. 4. 5.

21. *Quest.*



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21. *Quest.* What doe you learne that Iesus Christ is the Sonne of God by Nature?

Ans. I learne unto my comfort that he was very God, Ioh. 1. 14. and that therefore what soever was performed and suffered by him, was infinitely meritorious for our salvation, Act. 20. 28. 2 Cor. 5. 19. Col. 1. 19.

22. *Quest.* Wherefore is Iesus Christ called our Lord?

Ans. Because having redeemed our soules from sinne and Satan, he doth challenge us as his owne, to doe him service, Rom. 1. 8. 9. 1. Cor. 6. 19.

23. *Quest.* What doe you learne out of the third Article? *Conceived by the Holy Ghost, borne of the Virgin Mary?*

Ans. I learne first by his birth, that he was Man, that so he might suffer for my sinne, Heb. 2. 14. 15.

Secondly by the manner of his conception by the holy Ghost and birth of a Virgin, that hee was without all manner of sinne, and so the Sacrifice of himselfe being most pure, it was precious for our Redemption, 1 Pet. 1. 19.

24. *Q<sup>n</sup>.* What learne you out of the fourth Article. *hee suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead and buried, he descended into hell?*

Ans. I learne that upon the Crosse he suffered both in his body and soule, Isa. 53. 5. and that

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that by his Passion, as by an all-sufficient Sacrifice, Heb. 10. 14. he hath freed my body and soule, from eternall damnation, 1 Thes. 5. 9. Heb. 2. 14. 15.

25. *Quest.* Why suffered he rather upon the Crosse, then by other kind of death?

Ans. First, because that kind of death was most shamefull.

Secondly, it was most painfull.

Thirdly, thereby hee tooke upon him the curse, Deut. 21. 23. to free mee from the curse of the Law, Gal. 3. 13.

26. *Quest.* Seeing Christ hath thus dyed for us, why yet must all Gods Saints dye?

Ans. Not as a satisfaction or penalty for sinne, but for two especiall benefits: First, for that sinne thereby is abolished in my nature, Rom. 6. 7.

Secondly, death is made an entrance for our soules, into life eternall, Phil. 1. 23.

27. *Quest.* What learne you by his descension into hell?

Ans. I learne that hee was extreamely humbled to the lowest step of dishonour, that so wee all might be exalted to an high degree of Glory, Phil. 2. 8. 9.

28. *Quest.* Touching the first Article, what profit have we by his Resurrection:

Ans. First, hereby I learne, that hee hath truly

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truely conquered Death and Hell, and hath obtained life and salvation for us, 1 Cor. 15. 20. 1 Peter 1. 3. 4.

Secondly, I am thereby inabled to rise from sinne, and am stirred up to newnesse of life, Rom. 6. 4. Col. 3. 1.

Thirdly, thereby I am secured of the raising of my body, 1 Cor. 15. 20.

29. *Quest.* What learne you by the sixt Article? *Hee ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father.*

Ans. First, thereby hee hath taken possession of Heaven for us, securing us, that wee shall ascend thither after him, Ioh. 14. 3. Ephes. 2. 6.

Secondly, wee have the benefit of intercession, that he prayeth for us, and pleadeth our cause, Rom. 8. 34. Heb. 9. 24.

Thirdly, by that meanes hee hath sent unto us the Holy Ghost, to be a teacher and comforter in his place, Ioh. 16. 7.

30. *Quest.* What learne you by his sitting at the right hand of God?

Ans. First, that all power is given unto him both in heauen and earth, Math. 28. 18.

Secondly, that by his power hee will save his Church, and destroy his Enemies, Psal. 2. 9. Ephes. 4. 8.

31. *Quest.* What learne you out of the se-

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venth Article? *From thence hee shall come to judge the quicke and the dead.*

Ans. Exceeding great comfort, for that hee which is our Saviour shall be our Judge, Acts 17.31.

Secondly, at that time hee will receive us, and all his elect into glory, Mar. 25.34.

Thirdly, by that meanes hee shall destroy all his Enemies, which are also our enemies, 2 Thes. 1.6.7.8.

32. *Quest.* What learne you out of the third part of the Creed, in the eight Article? *I beleeve in the holy Ghost.*

Ans. First, I learne that the Holy Ghost is God coequall and coeternall to the Father, Acts 5.3.4.

Secondly, that the Holy Ghost is given unto us to teach us, to comfort us, and to sanctifie us, Iohn 14.16. Iohn 16.13. Rom. 1.4.

33. *Quest.* What learne you out of the ninth Article? *The Holy Catholike Church, the Communion of Saints.*

Ans. First, I learne that God hath a Church upon earth universall in regard of persons, times and places, Mathew 28.19. Acts 10.34.

Secondly, that the same consisting of Gods Elect, is sanctified by Christ, Ephesians 5.26.27.

Thirdly,



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Thirdly, I am a lively Member of the same Church, 1 Cor. 6. 15. Ephes. 2. 21.

Fourthly, that therein there is a fellowship of all Gods Elect, communicating in all the gifts of grace; 1 Corinth. 12. 12. 13. 1 Iohn 1. 3.

34. *Quest.* What learne you out of the tenth Article? *The forgivenesse of sinnes.*

Ans. First, I learne to beleêve that all my sinnes are freely forgiven in Christ, Romans 3. 25. Ephes. 1. 7.

Secondly, that being so freely forgiven, they shall never bee layed to my charge, Esay 1. 18.

35. *Quest.* What learne you out of the eleventh and twelfth Articles? *The resurrection of the body and life everlasting.*

Ans. I doe learne three things most comfortable: First, that all men shall be raised againe at the last day, Apoc. 20. 13.

Secondly, that our bodies shall arise glorious bodies, 1 Cor. 15. 42. Phil. 3. 21.

Thirdly, that we all in body and soule united shall live with Christ for ever in his Kingdome, Iohn 14. 2. 1 Thes. 4. 17.

36. *Quest.* What profit dost thou get by beleeving all things?

Ans. First, by this meanes I am justified befoze God even by Faith alone in Christ,



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Acts 13.39.Phil.3.9.

Secondly, by Faith, I shall overcome the enemies of my salvation, 1 Ioh.5.4.

Thirdly, being justified, and overcoming, I shall inherit eternall life, Rom.8.30. Tit.3.7.

37. *Quest.* Why art thou justified by Faith alone?

Ans. Not because my faith is perfect, and deserveth at Gods hands, 1 Cor. 13.9. but because the obedience and. righteousness of Christ is made mine in the sight of GOD, 1 Cor. 1.3. of the which I can no other way be partaker but by Faith, Rom.4.22.24.

38. *Quest.* Why cannot good workes justify us in the sight of God?

Ans. Because that righteousness which shall stand in the judgement of God must be most perfect, Deute. 27.26. but our best workes are imperfect and defiled with sinne, Psal. 143.2. Isay 64.6.

39. *Quest.* But good workes are the third thing to which we are bound by the promise of our Godfathers and Godmothers: wherefore then must we doe good workes?

Ans. For many great causes: First, in regard of God.

Secondly, in regard of our selves.

Thirdly, in regard of Gods Children.

Fourthly,

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**Fourthly**, in regard of the Enemies of our Christian Profession.

40 *Quest.* Why must we doe good workes in regard of God?

Ans. *First*, because it is service required of him: and due unto him, Luke 1.74. Luke 19.12.

*Secondly*, in regard of thankfulness unto him, Psal. 116.13.

*Thirdly*, because by that meanes others may be moved to glorifie God, Mat. 5.16.

41 *Quest.* Why are we to doe good workes in regard of our selves?

Ans. *First*, thereby to make our election sure unto our selves, 2 Pet. 1.10.

*Secondly*, because they are the way to glory, Mat. 7.14.

*Thirdly*, in regard of the Reward, and difference thereof, 1 Cor. 15.41. 2 Cor. 9.6.

42 *Quest.* Why must we doe good workes in regard of Gods Children?

Ans. *First*, that they may reape the fruit thereof unto their good in the workes of mercy, Philem. 1.20.

*Secondly*, that by our example they may be stirred up to doe good, Tit. 2.7.

43 *Quest.* Why in regard of the Enemies of our profession?

Ans. To stoppe the mouthes of all blasphemous

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mous Adversaries, 1 Peter 2.15. 1 Peter 3.16.

44. *Quest.* How many things are requisite in our workes to make them good?

Ans. Three : First, that they be commended in the Law of God, 1 Sam. 15.22. Ephes. 2.10.

Secondly, that they flow from a true Faith, Rom. 14.23. Heb. 11.6.

Thirdly, that they be done to Gods Glory, 1 Cor. 10.31. 1 Peter 4.11.

45. *Quest.* It being requisite to the making of our workes good, that they be commended in Gods Law, What meane you by the Law of God?

Ans. I meane the Morall Law, contained in the ten Commandements.

46. *Quest.* Rehearse the Commandements?

Ans. GOD spake these words, and said, I am the Lord thy GOD which have brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the house of Bondage.

1 Thou shalt have none other Gods but me.

2 Thou shalt not make to thy selfe any graven Image, nor the likenesse of any thing that is in Heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth : Thou shalt not bow downe to them, nor worship them. For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sinnes of the Fathers upon the

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the Children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shew mercy unto thousands in them that love me and keepe my Commandements.

3 Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vaine : for the Lord will not hold him guiltlesse that taketh his name in vaine.

4 Remember that thou keepe holy the Sabbath day ; Six dayes shalt thou labour and doe all that thou hast to doe : But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt doe no manner of worke, thou and thy Sonne, and thy Daughter, thy Manservant, and thy Maidservant, thy Cattell, and the Stranger that is within thy Gates. For in sixe dayes the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day. Wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

5 Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that thy dayes may be long in the land which the Lord thy God hath given thee.

6 Thou shalt not murther.

7 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

8 Thou shalt not steale.

9 Thou shalt not beare false witnesse against thy Neighbour.

10 Thou shalt not covet thy Neighbours house,



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house, thou shalt not covet thy Neighbours Wife, nor his Servant, nor his Maid, nor his ore, nor his asse, nor any thing that is his.

47. *Quest.* What is meant by that preface before the Commandements, *God spake these words and said, I am the Lord thy God which brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage?*

*Ans.* It doth containe foure Arguments most forcible to perswade us to obedience.

First, in that it is said, GOD spake these words, I learne that God is the Authoz of them, Ezek. 20. 11.

Secondly, in that it is said, I am the Lord, I learne that he hath authority to command, and power to punish the breakers of his Law, Mat. 10. 28.

Thirdly, in that it is said, Thy GOD, I learne that we must obey in regard of the Covenant which we have made with him, Ezek. 11. 20.

Fourthly, in that it is said, Which brought thee out of Egypt, we must obey in regard of his mercy and goodnesse towards us, Psal. 116. 12.

48. *Quest.* How are these Commandements divided?

*Ans.* Into two Tables, in the first whereof, in foure Commandements, is taught how



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how we ought to behave our selves towards our God.

The second, in the five last Commandments; teacheth us what duties we owe unto our Neighbours.

49. *Quest.* What doth God require of us in the first Commandment? *Thou shalt have none other Gods but me.*

*Ans.* First, I am forbidden all inward Idolatry, to set up any Idoll in mine heart, in giving any part of Gods worship unto it, Isa. 42. 8.

Secondly, we are commanded to worship the Lord our God, and him onely must we serve, Mat. 4. 10.

50. *Quest.* Wherein consisteth the inward and spirituall worship of God?

*Ans.* Chiefly in these foure things.

First, in learning to know him aright, Iohn 17. 3.

Secondly, to believe in him, Iohn 14. 1. out of which floweth Prayer for what we want, and thankfulness for what we have received, Psal. 50. 14.

Thirdly, in loving him above all, Deut. 6. 5. Mar. 10. 37.

Fourthly, in fearing him above all, Mat. 1. 6. Luk. 12. 15.

51. *Quest.* What is required of us in the  
second

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second Commandement? *Thou shalt not make to thy selfe any graven Image, &c.*

Ans. First, we are forbidden to make any Image to present God, Deu. 4. 15. 16. Is. 4. 8 1.

Secondly, we may not make the Image of any Creature, to give diuine worship unto it, Ier. 2. 17. Acts 7. 41.

Thirdly, I am commanded to worship God as hee hath prescribed in his Word, Mat. 15. 9.

52. *Quest.* What is required of us in this Commandement? *Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vaine?*

Ans. First, we are forbidden to abuse the glorious Name of GOD any manner of way: as

1 In Coniuring, Deut. 18. 11.

2 In cursing, Rom. 12. 14.

3 In persury, Lev. 19. 12. Zac. 1. 4.

4 In idle and vaine swearing, Mat. 5. 34.

Secondly, we are commanded to use the holy Name of God with reverence, and honour, Deut 28. 58. as,

1 In giving praise unto it, Psal. 118. 28. 29.

2 Thankes, Phil. 4. 6.

3 Praying unto it, Psal. 50. 15.

4 In religious swearing by it, Isay 45. 23.

53. *Quest.* What doth God require of us in the fourth Commandement? *Remember that*

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*that thou keepe holy the Sabbath day, &c.*

Ans<sup>w</sup>. First, wee are commanded to giue rest unto our body, and therefore it is called the Sabbath, Deut. 5. 14.

Secondly, to doe such woorkes whereby the Sabbath is Sanctified: as,

1 In diligent frequenting the publike Assemblies of the Church, Psalme 68. 26. Acts 2. 42.

2 In reuerend hearing the Word, Acts 23. 44.

3 In receiuing the Sacraments, Act. 2. 46.

4 In praying publikely and priuately, Acts 16. 13.

5 And in giuing to the poore, 1 Cor. 16. 2.

Thirdly, I am forbidden to doe the honest and laborious woorkes of my Calling, Exod. 16. 23. saving in case of necessitie, Luke 13. 15.

Fourthly, all unfull actions and exercises tending to sinne, as drunkennesse, dancing, dalliance, and the like, Rom. 13. 13. 14. Ephes. 5. 10. 11.

54. *Quest.* What persons are bound to keepe holy the Sablath?

Ans. First, all, thou, thy sonne, thy daughter, thy man seruant, thy maid seruant, all of ebery condition, Exod. 20. 10.

Secondly, all Fathers of Families and  
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**M**agistrates are injoyned to take care, that all which doe live under them, doe sanctifie it unto the Lord, Nehem. 13. 17.

55. *Quest.* What doth God require of us in the fift Commandement? *Honour thy Father and thy Mother. &c.*

*Ans.* First, wee are commanded to love, feare and obey all our Superiours, chiefly our naturall Parents, Ephes. 6. 2.

Secondly, all Magistrates, Rom. 13. 1. 5.

Thirdly, our spirituall Pastors, 1 Thes. 5. 12. Heb. 13. 17.

Fourthly, our Masters, Col. 3. 22.

Fiftly, our godly Elders, Isa. 3. 5. 1 Tim. 5. 1. 2.

Secondly, wee are forbidden to hate, despise, or disobey them, either in thought, word or deed, Prov. 20. 20. Rom. 13. 2.

56. *Quest.* What doth God require of us in the sixt commandement? *Thou shalt not kill.*

*Ans.* First, I am forbidden to preiudice the life of my neighbour.

First, by actuall murther, Genes. 9. 5. 6. Mat. 5. 52.

Secondly, by malice, 1 Iohn 3. 15.

Thirdly, by mocking, quatrelling, or any other way to provoke anger, 2 Sam. 16. 7. Mat. 26. 22.

Secondly, I am commanded to preserve his



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his life : **F**irst by defending him, Exod.2.13.

**S**econdly, by loving him, Ephes.5.2.

**T**hirdly, by using all loving behaviour towards him, 4.32.

57. *Quest.* What doth God require of us in the seventh Commandement ? *Thou shalt not commit Adultery.*

**A**ns. God forbiddeth all uncleanness in the flesh, as first, all defiling the body by actuall Whoredome, Heb.13.4. Levit.18.20.

**S**econdly, all unclean lusts of the heart, Ephes.5.28.

**T**hirdly, all unchast behaviour, either in word or deed, whereby either wee our selves or others might be inticed, Ephes.4.29. Ephes.5.3.

**S**econdly, wee are commanded to keepe cleane bodies, 1 Cor.6.19.

**S**econdly, chaste hearts, 1 Thes.4.3.4.

**T**hirdly, chaste behaviour in word and gesture.

58. *Quest.* What is required of us in the eight Commandement ? *Thou shalt not steale.*

**A**ns. First, wee are forbidden to wrong our Neighbour in his Goods. First, by actuall stealing, Lev.19.11. Ephes.4.38.

**S**econdly, by covetousnesse, Ephes.5.5. Col.3.5.

**T**hirdly,

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**Thirdly**, by all unlawfull getting from him, as,

**First**, by false Weights and Measures, Deut. 25. 13.

**Secondly**, by Usury, Deuteronomie 23. 19. Psal. 15. 5. 02,

**Thirdly**, by any unjust meanes, 1 Thesse. 4. 6.

**Secondly**, we are commanded to labour, that so, **first**, we may eat our owne bread, 2 Thes. 3. 12.

**Secondly**, that we may be able to doe good unto others, especially to the poore Saints, Gal. 6. 10. both by hospitality, Hebrewes 13. 2. and almes deedes, Heb. 13. 16.

59. *Quest.* What doth God require of us in the ninth Commandement? *Thou shalt not beare false Witnesse against thy Neighbour.*

**Answ.** **First**, we are forbidden to speake falsly in witnesse bearing, Exod. 23. 1. Deut. 19. 18.

**Secondly**, to backbite or slander any, Psalm. 13. 3.

**Thirdly**, to lye, flatter or dissemble, Psalm. 12. 3. Iohn 8. 44. Ephes. 4. 25.

**Secondly**, we are commanded in all things to speake and maintaine truth, Psalm. 15. 2. as,

**First**, in bearing witnesse, Zach. 8. 16.

**Secondly**,

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**Secondly**, in plainly reproving our Brethren, Levit. 19. 17.

**Thirdly**, In defending his good Name, I Sam. 19. 4. 5. I Pet. 4. 8.

60. *Quest.* What doth God require of us in the tenth Commandement? *Thou shalt not covet thy Neighbours house, thou shalt not covet thy, &c.*

*Ans.* First, wee are forbidden to give way to the least motion of unlawfull desire, concerning that which is our Neighbours, Ier. 4. 14.

**Secondly**, wee are commanded to entertaine and nourish in our soules, all holy and heavenly motions, Rom. 7. 22. Col. 3. 2.

61. *Quest.* Are any of Gods Children able to keepe these Commandements perfectly?

*Ans.* No: First, because we sinne, the best of us in many things, Psal. 19. 12. Iam. 3. 2.

**Secondly**, because our best workes doe labour of the flesh, and are defective, Isa. 64. 6. Gal. 5. 17.

62. *Quest.* How shall wee then shunne the curse of the Law, and eternall damnation?

*Ans.* By Faith in Christ, I Corinth. 1. 30. 2 Cor. 5. 21.

63. *Quest.* Of Faith and Workes we have hitherto heard, it remaineth that you shew now, by what meanes we may grow in them?

*Ans.*

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Ans. By using all holy exercises, especially these four.

First, by hearing and reading the Word of God, Psal. 119.9. 1 Pet. 2.2.

Secondly, by mutuall conference, 1 Thes. 5.1.

Thirdly, by receiuing the Sacraments, Acts. 2.42.

Fourthly, by earnest prayer unto God, for the increase of his Grace, Luke 11.13. James 1.5.

64. *Quest.* First then, what is the Word of God?

Ans. All that Doctrine delivered in the Scriptures of the old and new Testament.

65. *Quest.* How doe you know it to bee the Word of God?

Ans. Because it was delivered and written by divine inspiration, 2 Tim. 3.16. 2 Peter 1.21.

66. *Quest.* How doe you know that every part of the Scripture was delivered by divine inspiration, and so is indeed the Word of God?

Ans. By many firme Arguments: but especially five:

First, by the inward testimony of the holy Ghost in mine owne heart, 1 Iohn 2.27. 2 Cor. 2.15.

Secondly,



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Secondly, by the wonderfull Majestie of the Scriptures, 1 Cor. 2. 14. delivered yet in great simplicity.

Thirdly, by the mighty power of it, in converting soules, Psalme 19. 7. 2 Cor. 10. 4.

Fourthly, by the matter, which altogether savoureth of heavenly wisdom.

Lastly, by the continuall consent of all the Scriptures, being written by so many in time so different.

67. *Quest.* You say that receiving the Sacrament, is one meanes of your spirituall growth: what is therefore a Sacrament?

Ans. A Sacrament is a visible signe of indivisible grace, Gen. 17. 11.

68. *Quest.* What are the ends why God did ordaine Sacraments unto his Church?

Ans. Many: but especially five:

First, to be badges of our Christian profession.

Secondly, to bee signes to set out to our senses the promises of God, Gene. 17. 11.

Thirdly, to bee as seales to confirme the truth thereof unto us, Rom. 4. 11.

Fourthly, to bee meanes to convey unto us, inward and spirituall graces, where there is faith to apprehend them, 1 Cor. 10. 16.

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Lastly, to be an effectuall meanes of the increase of Faith and Piety in our hearts, Acts 2.46.

69. *Quest.* Who doe make the right use of the Sacraments?

Ans. They which are daily confirmed thereby, in Faith and newnesse of life, Acts 2.42.

70. *Quest.* How many sorts of Sacraments are there?

Ans. Two sorts; One of the Old Testament, to assure us, that Christ should come.

Another sort of the New Testament, to assure us that Christ is already come.

71. *Quest.* What is a Sacrament of the New Testament?

Ans. It is an outward signe ordained of God, to assure us, that Christ and all his benefits are made ours, Luke 22.19. 1 Cor. 11.24.

72. *Quest.* How many Sacraments hath Christ ordained in his Church?

Ans. Two onely, Baptisme, and the Lords Supper, 1 Cor. 10.1, 2.3.

73. *Quest.* What is Baptisme?

Ans. Baptisme is a Sacrament of our new and Spirituall birth, Titus 3.5. wherein by the outward washing of Water, wee are taught

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taught and assured, that our soules are washed from all our sinnes in Christs blood, Acts 2.

38. 1 Iohn 1.7.

74. *Quest.* Why are Infants baptised, seeing they doe not yet actually beleeeve?

Ans. Because the Covenant and Promises of God, doe belong unto them, Gen. 17.7. Acts 2.38.39.

75. *Quest.* Seeing wee are baptized, onely in Infancy, how hath Baptisme effect to wash away sinnes afterward committed?

Ans. Baptisme hath this effect during our whole life, and is a perpetuall fountaine ever washing us, Zach. 12.1. while wee with a lively Faith doe looke unto the shedding of Christs blood, Heb. 10.10.14.

76. *Quest.* What is the Lords Supper?

Ans. It is a Sacrament, wherein by receiving Bread and Wine consecrated by the Word of God, hee doth truly offer unto us, and wee doe really receive the body and blood of Christ, 1 Cor. 10.16.

77. *Quest.* Which are the outward signes in the Lords Supper?

Ans. Bread and Wine, Mat. 26.26.27.

78. *Quest.* Which is the invisible grace?

Ans. The Body and Blood of Christ, Luke 22.19.

79. *Quest.* What doth God teach us in

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appointing Bread and Wine, bodily food, to bee outward signes of the Body and Bloud of Christ?

Ans. **Three things** : First, that Christ is the true and lively food of our soules, being Sacramentally apprehended by Faith, whereby our spirituall life is supported, Iohn 6. 32. 33. 34.

Secondly, that all the merits of Christs Passion, and whatsoever is in him, is verily become ours, Rom. 8. 32.

Thirdly, hereby wee are taught the manner of our spirituall union with Christ, that hee is inseparably concorporated with us, and wee with him, Iohn 6. 56. Iohn 15. 4.

80. *Quest.* What is meant by the words of Institution? *Take, eat, this is my body: and drinke yee all of this, this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many?*

Ans. In that Christ saith, *Take*, he teacheth us, that he is become ours, 1 Cor. 1. 30.

Secondly, in that he saith, *Eate, Drinke*, hee teacheth us, that hee is become one body with us, 1 Cor. 10. 17.

Thirdly, in that he saith, *which is given for you, which is shed for you*, that both these are not so much his as ours, and that hee tooke them up, and laid him downe for us  
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and our saluation, Iohn 10.11. 1 Tim.2.6.

Lastly, we are taught that the right use of the Sacrament consisteth of those actions, and that therefore elevation, reservation, circumgestion, and adoration of the Sacrament in Popery is no part of Christs ordinance.

81. *Quest.* By what meanes doe wee eate Christs Body, and drinke his Bloud in the Sacrament?

Ans. Spiritually by Faith, Ioh.6.35.47. while in these outward signes we doe behold Christ crucified for us.

82. *Quest.* Doe the wicked and unbelievers eate Christs Body, and drinke his Blood in the Sacrament?

Ans. No: because they want Faith.

83. *Quest.* Is the Bread turned into Christs Body, and the Wine into his Bloud in the Sacrament?

Ans. No: for so, first, the unbelievers should eate Christs Body, and drinke his Blood.

Secondly, we should destroy the nature of the Sacrament, by taking away the outward signe.

Thirdly, we should destroy the truth of his naturall body, by depriving it of the true properties thereof, Heb.2.17.

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84. *Quest.* What union is there of the outward signes with the thing signified?

Ans. Onely a Sacramentall Union, whereby Christ is so present in our Sacraments, as he was in the Ceremonies and Sacraments of the Law, 1 Cor. 10. 3.

85. *Quest.* What change then is there in the outward signe?

Ans. No change in their nature, but onely in use, for that Elements befoze common, are now consecrated to bee signes of things spirituall and holy, in regard whereof they are holy, 2. Sam. 21. 4.

86. *Quest.* What must wee doe for our preparation before wee come to receive the Sacrament?

Ans. Examine our selves, 1 Cor. 11. 28.

87. *Q.* Why must we examine our selves?

Ans. For two causes: First, because the unworthy receiber is guilty of the body and blood of Christ, 1 Cor. 11. 27.

Secondly, because hee provoketh God to wrath, and so eateth, and so drinketh his owne damnation, 1 Cor. 11. 29.

88. *Quest.* Who are they that receive unworthily?

Ans. All they which come irreverently or without Faith and Repentance renewed, 1 Iay 1. 13. 15. Tit. 1. 15.

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89. *Quest.* Are all Christians to receive the Lords supper?

Ans. No: onely such as are to receive, who both can and doe diligently examine and approve themselves, 1 Cor. 11. 28.

90. *Quest.* Wherein are wee to examine our selves?

Ans. In foure things: First, whether wee know the true sense and meaning of this Sacrament, Prov. 19. 2.

Secondly, whether wee have a true and lively Faith, 2 Cor. 13. 5.

Thirdly, whether wee find true Repentance in our hearts, Isay 1. 16.

Lastly, whether wee be in love and charity with all men, Mat. 5. 23. 24.

91 *Quest.* You said, that Prayer is one meanes of our spirituall growth, what things are requisite in Prayer?

Ans. Many: as namely first, that wee pray unto God through Christ, Iohn 16. 23.

Secondly, with assurance through Faith to be heard, Marke 11. 24. Iames 1. 6.

Thirdly, that our prayers doe flow from the heart, and be fervent, 1 Corinthians 14. 15. Iames 5. 16.

Fourthly, that wee be in charity when wee pray, Mat. 11. 25. 1 Tim. 2. 8.

Fifthly, that we leave sinne, and indeavour  
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to live according to Gods will, Psalme 66.18.  
Iohn 19.31. Iohn 3.21.

Sixtly, that wee saint not in prayer, but  
continue in the exercise thereof, Luke 18. 1.  
Col.4. 2.

Finally, that our prayers must be framed  
according to Gods will, 1. Iohn 5.14.

92. *Quest.* When are our Prayers framed  
according to Gods will?

Ans. When they are made according to the  
Prayer which our Lord Jesus Christ hath  
prescribed as a rule to frame our Prayers  
thereby, Mat.6.9.

93. *Quest.* Rehearse the Lords Prayer.

Ans. Our Father which art in Heaven,  
hallowed bee thy Name : Thy Kingdome  
come : Thy will be done in Earth as it is  
in Heaven : Give us this day our dayly  
bread : and forgive us our trespasses, as we  
forgive them that trespass against us : And  
lead us not into temptation : But deliver  
us from evill : For thine is the Kingdome,  
power and glory for ever, Amen.

94. *Quest.* How many things are princi-  
pally to be observed in the Lords Prayer?

Ans. Three : First, what name wee are  
taught to give unto our God to whom wee  
make our prayers, *Our Father which art in  
Heaven.*

Secondly,



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**Secondly**, the summe of that wee pray for, contained in the sixe Petitions.

**Thirdly** a conclusion, giuing us assurance that wee shall haue what wee aske, *For thine is the Kingdome, Power and Glory.*

95. *Q.* What comfort doe you conceive in the name you are taught to give unto God?

*Ans.* First, in that wee are taught to call God our Father, wee learne that hee loveth us and is tenderly affected unto us, and so will giue what wee aske, *Mat. 7. 9. 10. 11.*

**Secondly**, in that hee is heavenly, wee learne his all-sufficiency, that hee is able to furnish us with all things necessary, *Genesis 17. 1. Rom. 10. 12.*

96. *Quest.* How many things doe the sixe Petitions containe?

*Ans.* Two: First, things concerning Gods glory, contained in the three first Petitions, whereby wee are taught first and principally in our desires to seeke and sue for the advancement thereof, *Mat. 6. 33.*

**Secondly**, things concerning our owne necessities, contained in the three last, whereby wee are taught in a second place to respect our owne wants, and the supplying thereof.

97. *Quest.* What doe you aske of God in the first Petition, *Hallowed be thy name?*

*Ans.*

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Ans. First, that hee so direct us all, that wee might have in high reverence his glorious Majesty, Omnipotency, Wisedome, Mercy, Goodnesse and Truth, shewed in his Word, and shining in his Creatures, Psal. 29. 2. Psal. 71. 8. Ier. 9. 24.

Secondly, that his glorious Name may never be dishonored by us, either in thought, word, or deed, Leviticus 22. 31. 32. Prov. 3. 9. Rom. 2. 24.

98. *Quest.* What doe you sue for in the second Petition, *Thy Kingdome come?*

Ans. First, that God would reigne daily more and more in us by his holy Word and Spirit, Luk. 17. 21. Rom. 14. 17. 2 Cor. 10. 5.

Secondly, that the Lord would weaken the power of Sathan, Rom. 16. 20. 1 Iohn 3. 8. and of all the wicked which fight for him, Iudg. 1. 31. Psal. 24. 5. Psal. 21. 12. 13.

Thirdly, that hee would finish these dayes of sinne, and receive us into glory, Revela. 22. 20.

99. *Quest.* What doe you aske in the third petition, *Thy will bee done in earth, as it is in heaven?*

Ans. First, that wee renouncing our owne corrupt wills and affections, Math. 16. 24. may obey the holy will of God, Luke 22. 42.

Secondly, that this obedience may bee performed

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performed of us all, faithfully, chéerfully, and perfectly, as it is of all Angels in Heaven, Psal. 103. 20. 21.

100. *Quest.* What doe you pray for in the fourth petition, *Gine us this day our daily bread?*

Ans. That God would give us food and rayment, and all things needfull for this life, Prov. 30. 8. Psal. 104. 27. Psal. 145. 15.

Secondly, that hee would sanctifie unto us his Creatures for our use, that they might be wholesome and comfortable, Deut. 8. 3. 1 Tim. 4. 1.

Thirdly, that as every day we shall have wants, so the Lord would daily by his providence supply the same, Mat. 6. 34. Heb. 13. 5. 6.

101. *Quest.* What doe you pray for in the fift petition, *Forgive us our trespasses as wee forgive them that trespass against us?*

A. First, that God would for Christs sake forgive all our sins, Psal. 51. 1. 9. Ephes. 4. 22.

Secondly, that wee may be directed by him to forgive one another, Luke 7. 3. 4.

102. *Quest.* What doe you learne out of these words?

Ans. Four things : First, that all men are sinners, Eccl. 7. 22.

Secondly, that wee must seeke for remission of sinnes, Mar. 18. 26. Luk. 18. 13. for wee cannot

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cannot satisfie, Iob 9.3. Mat. 18.25.

Thirdly, none can forgive sins but God,  
Iob 34.31. Luke 5.21.24

Fourthly, to the malicious man there is  
no forgiveness, Mat. 6.15.

103. *Quest.* What doe you pray for in the  
sixt petition, *And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evill?*

Ans. First, we pray that our hearts may  
be so established by grace, that we may be  
able to resist all temptations, 1 Cor. 22. 9.  
Ephes. 13.

Secondly, that we may be delivered from  
that evill one the devill, and from every past,  
present, or future evill thing, whether of fault  
or of punishment.

104. *Quest.* What is imported by the con-  
clusion, *For thine is the Kingdoms, Power  
and glory for ever?*

Ans. First, that all power and government  
is everlastingly invested in the person of God  
alone, and in none other, and that therefore  
he is able to grant what we aske, and no  
creature can resist him, Ephes. 1. 11. Ephes. 3.  
20.

Secondly, that all glory belongeth unto  
him, and therefore he will grant all these  
things, for that thereby he is glorified both  
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in himfelfe, and in all his Saints, Ier. 33. 9.  
Iohn 14. 13.

105. *Quest.* What meaneth this Word,  
*Amen?*

*Ans.* So be it, or so it shall be : whereby are  
shewed two things:

First, a fervent desire to have what I pray  
for, Dan. 9. 19.

Secondly, an assurance that I shall have  
what I aske, 1 Iohn 5. 15.

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A Prayer to bee said by Children  
in the Morning.

**M**ost gracious God and most loving Fa-  
ther in Christ Iesus, wee giue thee most  
humble and hearty thankses for all thy ble-  
ssings so graciously bestowed upon us, for pre-  
seruing us safe both in body and soule untill  
this day: good Lord forgive us all our finnes,  
and continue thy wonted favours unto us:  
give us all things needfull both for our bodyes  
and soules, especially good Father grant that  
our hearts may be so truely seasoned and esta-  
blished with grace, that as wee doe grow in  
yeares, so wee may also grow up in Christ Je-  
sus in the true knowledge of thee, in Faith,  
and in all Spirituall and heavenly blessings,  
that wee seruing thee in holinesse and righte-  
ousnesse all the dayes of our liues, wee may be  
kept by thy mighty power unto salvation,  
through Iesus Christ: In whose Name wee  
pray as he hath taught us: Our Father which  
art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name, &c.

A Prayer fit for Children to say  
in the Evening.

**O** LORD GOD, most gracious and mercifull, wee give thee most hearty thanks for the keeping us safe this day past from all dangers : pardon whatsoeuer hath bene done amisse : as wee fall by Sinne so let us euer rise againe by true Repentance, and keepe us this night safe as the apple of thine owne eye, give us quiet and comfortable rest, that being refreshed thereby, wee may be the better enabled to thy service the day following, and so shew our whole liues : and grant, that although our bodies sleepe, yet our soules may euer watch, looking alwayes for the comming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, that when hee shall appeare, wee may also appeare with him in Glorie. Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

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## Graces.

### *Grace before meate.*

**O** Lord most gracious, which hast given food for our bodies, sanctifie it unto us, and us unto thy selfe, and grant that by the moderate use thereof wee may bee the better enabled to serve thee in all holy and Christian obedience, through Iesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *Grace after meate.*

**VV**E praise and magnifie thy Name O Lord, for all thy good blessings, namely, for feeding our mortall bodies with materiall food: feed our soules ever with that Bread of life which came downe from Heaven, that we may live for ever, through Iesus Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

God save the Church, our King, Queene, Prince, & Realmes, increase our Faith, forgive us our sinnes, and make us partakers of his heavenly Kingdome. *Amen.*

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